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President Donald J. Trump
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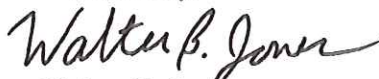
Dear Mr. President:

I write in support of the North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's September 10, 2018 request for an expedited emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. This declaration would allow much-needed federal resources to be mobilized to assist in North Carolina's preparation for Hurricane Florence.

The governor has requested Public Assistance – Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) for all 100 counties in the State of North Carolina. The National Weather Service has issued a Hurricane Advisory for Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states with anticipation of Florence making landfall later this week as a major hurricane.

As a representative of the coastal region of North Carolina, I request your expeditious consideration of Governor Cooper's petition for an emergency declaration so that essential federal support can be utilized to help protect the people in this region. Thank you for your concern and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor Roy Cooper, State of North Carolina
Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Department of Homeland Security
Administrator Brock Long, Federal Emergency Management Agency